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Title: Atomic Force Microscopy Measures of Contact Resistance And
Current-Dependent Stiction

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004.

Request for Extension of Time

Applicant requests a two-month extension of time from December 9, 2004 to the date hereof to submit this Response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-2213 (Order No. 061450-0304608) for the requisite two-month small entity extension fee of \$225.00.

Please amend the application as follows:

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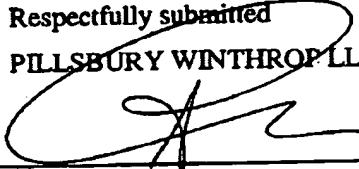
Claims 2 and 3 now depend from and further limit, in a patentable sense, independent claim 10. Thus, claims 2 and 3 are also in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of Examiner's rejection of claims 2 and 3 and full allowance of same.

The Examiner rejected claims 6 and 8 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khandros in view of Kanamaru or Maekawa and further in view of Verdi. Claim 6 has been cancelled, thereby rendering Examiner's present rejection moot.

Claim 8 now depends from and further limits, in a patentable sense, independent claim 7. Thus, claim 8 is also in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of Examiner's rejection of claim 8 and full allowance of same.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, and in view of the foregoing, the claims are believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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